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SUBJECT: TRANSPORT MINISTRY ORGANIZATION

REF: STATE 104263

1. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER IN NEW GOVERNMENT INSTALLED MAY 15 IS COMMUNIST POLITICIAN VEIKKO SAARTO. OTHER IMPORTANT FIGURES IN TRANSPORTATION FIELD IN FINLAND ARE PRESIDENT GUNNAR KORHONEN OF STATE-OWNED AIRLINE FINNAIR AND DIRECTOR OF STATE RAILWAYS PAUL PAAVELA (ON LEAVE AS MINISTER OF FINANCE IN NEW GOVERNMENT).

2. BOTH FINNAIR AND STATE RAILWAY OPERATE AS BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, NOT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. TRANSPORT MINISTRY THEREFORE HAS, BESIDES DEPARTMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING, ONLY A ROAD TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

3. DUE TO CURRENT ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN, FINLAND DEFERRING CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, AIRPORTS, RAIL LINES, AND IS CUTTING BACK RAIL SERVICE, TO EXTENT LOCAL INTERESTS WILL PERMIT. FINNAIR ON OTHER HAND UPGRADING ITS AIRFLEET BY SUBSTITUTING DC-9'S FOR OLD CARAVELLES AND BY SEEKING OPEN NEW ROUTES, E.G. TO CANADA, JAPAN, AND US WEST COAST.

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FINNS PROUD THEIR FLEET OF ICEBREAKERS (OPERATED BY BOARD OF NAVIGATION UNDER MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) KEEPS SEA LANES OPEN DESPITE WINTER FREEZING OF SEAS. HOUSTON

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